## **Maine Revised Statutes**

## **Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS**

## Chapter 27: MANUFACTURERS AND BOTTLERS OF NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

## §1852. PLANT REQUIREMENTS

Every beverage plant used for the preparation, manufacture and bottling of any beverage shall be adequately lighted and ventilated and all floors shall be constructed of cement, concrete or tile laid in cement or other material impervious to water, and shall have sufficient pitch to insure drainage; walls and ceilings shall be varnished or painted in light color and kept clean; doors, windows and other openings of any room in which beverages or the ingredients of such beverages shall be prepared shall be screened. Wash basins, sinks and toilets shall be provided for employees. No toilet shall open directly into any room used for the preparation or bottling of any beverage. The syrup room shall be separately enclosed, well ventilated and lighted, provided with sinks and taps for hot and cold water, thoroughly protected against vermin, flies, dirt and dust and so constructed as to be easily cleaned.

Every beverage plant shall be equipped with mechanical container-washing apparatus and machinery, and with mechanical and sanitary machines for bottling and for carbonating, if carbonated beverages are manufactured.

All machines, apparatus, vessels, fountains, tanks or other equipment, caps and ingredients used in the manufacture of beverages shall be kept in a sanitary condition. No vessels or tanks shall be used for syrup mixing or for storing such mixed syrup unless they are of glass or stainless steel, porcelain lined, block tin lined or made of some other suitable impervious material.

Beverage plants shall be located in buildings so constructed that the bottling operation is performed in separate rooms, but such construction shall allow for modern practices in the loading or unloading of trucks in the same rooms, and for modern practices in the use of conveyor systems or other means of mechanical handling.

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